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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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The following is an Information Disclosure Statement submitted for the Examiner's consideration.

Applicants respectfully call the Examiner's attention to the following copending applications:

US Patent Application No. 08/946,190, filed October 7, 1997, by Christopher A. Schantz, "Low Cost Ink Drop Detector";

US Patent Application No. 09/302,898, filed April 30, 1999, by Michel P. Caren et al., "Polynucleotide Array Fabrication"; and

US Patent Application No. 09/359,527, filed July 22, 1999, by Peter G. Webb et al., "Biopolymer Arrays and Their Fabrication".

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review and make of record the references identified and summarized below. A Form PTO-1449 listing the references accompanies this paper. The Examiner is requested to initial and return the form to indicate that the references have been reviewed and made of record.

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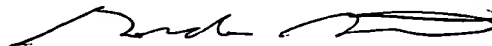
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